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**Japan's Desire for Universal Peace.***Dr. Benjamin F. Trueblood, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR DR. TRUEBLOOD: It was my purpose to write and thank you for the honor you gave me in permitting me to speak at the great meeting in the Pan-American Building before I left the East; but I did not find time to do so. I hope now you will permit me to express my deep sense of gratitude to you personally, and to the American Peace Society, for that opportunity of presenting my nation's desire for universal peace and brotherhood. I assure you that favor shall not soon be forgotten and the inspiration of that hour shall be the motive force in the great work which I contemplate doing upon my return to Japan. The great meeting was the highwater mark in my visit to America, and I am still carried on upon its swelling crest. I thank you, Dr. Trueblood, personally, and also on behalf of my nation, for your interest in me and my mission. Heiwa Banzai! Your friend,

SABURO SHIMADA.

**The Dawn of Peace.****By Charles Richardson.**

Have you felt the mighty moving of the spirit of our Lord,  
Piercing through our moral darkness, to again condemn the sword?

Have you heard the voices calling from the nations far and near,  
Voices of our brothers crying, Peace and Love shall banish Fear?

From the days of Cain and Abel, through the ages that have passed,  
One long tale of needless slaughter runs unbroken to the last;  
But at length our eyes are opened, and our spirits groan with pain,  
As we read the awful record of the war fiend's ghastly reign.

Men have listened to false teachers praising war in song and story,  
Spreading lies about their brethren, urging strife for wealth or glory;  
They have led in loud applauding for the crowns by victors worn,  
As the savage lauds his chieftain for the scalps from foemen torn.

They have taught a monstrous doctrine, fitting creed for Satan's priest,  
That if man would be more noble, he must be more like the beast.  
Men, they said, would lose their manhood, sink beneath the coward's rule,  
If they failed to train their ablest to waste their lives in murder's school.

Even now if they could lead us as they fain would have us led,  
Tools of death would be our products, guns and swords instead of bread.  
Every man would be a soldier, every country filled with forts,  
Only women for the plowing, only warships in our ports.

But the ruled are now the rulers; they command who once obeyed;  
And the edicts that they issue can no longer be gainsaid.  
We will have no more of carnage, thus the people's mandate runs;  
Right shall rule instead of powder, courts of law instead of guns.

For at last the dawn is breaking, dreams of ages coming true;  
Clouds of war are growing rarer, lights of truth are shining through;  
Solemn treaties shall unite us, and in all the time to be  
We shall nevermore have battles on the land or on the sea.

**Book Notices.**

**INTER-RACIAL PROBLEMS.** By G. Spiller. 485 pages. London: P. S. King & Son, Orchard House, Westminster. Boston: The World Peace Foundation, 29a Beacon street.

This book is a record of the proceedings of the First Universal Races Congress, held at the University of London, July 26 to 29, 1911. It contains the various papers on inter-racial problems which were presented to the Congress, and constitutes as a whole the best contribution that has yet been made to the study of the problems of the characteristics and mutual relations of the races. It will be for many years a very valuable source of information on the subject.

**NEUTRALIZATION.** By Cyrus French Wicker, M. A., Yale; B. C. L., Oxon. London and New York: Henry Frowde, the Oxford University Press. Price, 4 shillings net.

This booklet of ninety-one pages is a very valuable contribution to the literature of the subject of neutralization. It was written by Mr. Wicker while a Rhodes scholar from Yale at Oxford, 1907-1910. It contains what is believed to be the first collection of all treaties of neutralization. It also discusses the possibilities of neutralization in the furtherance of world peace. Mr. Wicker believes, with Dr. Whewell, that "in neutrality is the true road to a perpetual peace."

**HISTORY OF GERMAN CIVILIZATION.** A General Survey. By Ernst Richard, Ph. D. 543 pages, cloth. Price, \$2.00 net. New York: The Macmillan Company.

This is a scholarly and reliable work. Dr. Richard is lecturer on the History of German Civilization in Columbia University, and one of the most painstaking and conscientious scholars in the country. He writes as a German, with German national feelings, but also as a thoroughgoing American who is deeply imbued with the spirit of our American institutions. It is impossible to give in a brief notice any just and comprehensive estimate of the fulness and richness of the contents of the forty-seven chapters of the book. Any one who intends to take up the subject of German history in general will find this work an admirable introduction, and at the same time an inspiration and incentive to make a serious effort to know and understand the great and powerful and progressive empire of the heart of Europe. Germany is much misunderstood in this country, as well as in Great Britain and France. And the chief reason is that she is so little known.

**DER MENSCHHEIT HOCHGEDANKEN.** Roman aus der Nächsten Zukunft. By Bertha Von Suttner. Berlin, Vienna, Leipzig: Die Friedens Warte. 431 pages, paper cover.

A new book by the author of "Die Waffen Nieder" (Lay Down Your Arms) is always warmly welcomed in